SiO2 OH
$$(C_2H_5O)_3Si$$
 OBr (0.15%) O Br $O-Si$ Toluene, 60° C, $4h$

Figure 1: Initiator Molecule Self-assembled into a Monolayer on a Surface.

$$\begin{array}{c|c} & & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ &$$

Figure 2: Growing PEGAA Films on a Substrate Using Surface Atom Transfer Radical Polymerization.

$$\begin{array}{c|c} OH & (C_2H_5O)_3Si & O \\ OH & OH & O \\ OH & (C_2H_5O)_3Si & Toluene, 60^{\circ}C, 4h \\ \end{array}$$

Figure 3: Self-assembly of a Monolayer Containing Initiator and Spacer Molecules onto the Surface of a Substrate.

Br
$$O+H_2O$$
 $O+H_2O$ $O-Si$ $O-Si$

Figure 4: Bonding of PEGAA Polymer Chains to the Initiator Molecules Contained in a SAM Comprised of Both Initiator and Spacer Molecules.







Macromolecule self-assembling method

5a

5b

Figure 5a: PEGAA Polymer Chains Vertically Grown in Accordance with the

SATRP Process of the Invention.

Random Coil Deposition of Polymer Chains in Accordance with the Self-assembling Technique of Chapman et al. Figure 5b:

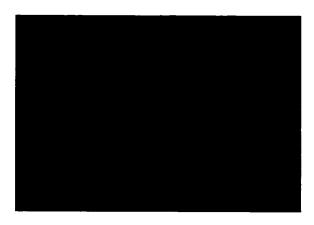


Figure 6: E. Coli Cell Adsorption on a Silica Wafer Prepared in Accordance with Example 11. No E. Coli Cells Were Observed Adhering to the Silica Wafer Substrate (20x image).

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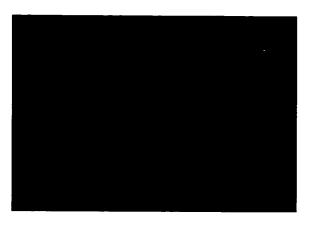
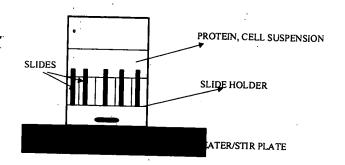


Figure 9: E. Coli Cell Adsorption on a Silicon Wafer Coated with a 20 nm Thick PEGM Polymer Layer in Accordance with the Process of Example 5. No E. Coli Cells were Observed Adhering to the Silica Wafer Substrate (20X Image).

Schematic of a test cell for protein & cell binding experiments



For any given condition, we simulate two states

- A. Protein level built up on surface (load)
- B. Irreversible protein level remaining on a surface (desorb)

Figure 10: Schematic of Test Cell for Protein and Cell Binding Experiments.



Figure 8: E. Coli Cell Adsorption on a Silicon Wafer Coated with the Initiator Monolayer of Example 4. E. Coli Cells Were seen Densely Binding to the Initiator Monolayer Grown on the Silica Substrate (100X Image).

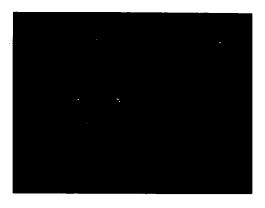


Figure 7: E. Coli Cell Adsorption on a Silicon Wafer Coated with the Initiator Monolayer of Example 4. E. Coli Cells Were Seen Densely Binding to the Initiator Monolayer Grown on Silica Substrate (20X Image).

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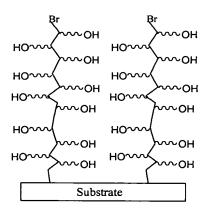


Figure 11: Cartoon Depicting Chemical Group(s) Attached to the Surface of Polymer Chains Grown on a Substrate.

Figure 12: Exemplary Spacer Molecules.

a) An alkyl chain such as:

1. Alkyoxyl silanes with alkyl chains

$$R_2$$
 R_3 CH_3 R_1O n

 R_1 = CH₃, C₂H₅, or alkyl group R_2 = CH₃, C₂H₅, alkyl group, or OR₁ R_3 = CH₃, C₂H₅, alkyl group, or OR₁ R_1 = 1 to 50

For Example:

2) chlorosilanes with alkyl chains

 R_1 = Cl, CH₃, C₂H₅, or alkyl group R_2 = Cl, CH₃, C₂H₅, or alkyl group R_1 = 1 to 50

For example:

b) Phenyl and its derivatives

 $R_1 = CI$, CH_3 , C_2H_5 , or alkyl group $R_2 = CI$, CH_3 , C_2H_5 , or alkyl group

For example:

$$\begin{array}{c|c} CI & EtO \\ EtO$$

c) A mixture of an alkyl chain and functional groups, for example:

$$R_1$$
 R_1
 S_1
 C_1
 R_2
 M
 M

R1 = Cl, CH₃, C₂H₅, or alkyl group R2 = Cl, CH₃, C₂H₅, or alkyl group R3 = alkyl group, phenyl, -OH, -NH₂, etc. X = O, COO, CONH, etc. m = 1 to 50

For example:

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